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Proposed Amendment

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW
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Sir:

This is a proposed amendment for discussion at the personal interview with the Examiner on August 29, 2003, at 3:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to claim 1 is shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this proposed amendment.

Remarks being on page 6 of this proposed amendment.

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